an input/output ("I/O") interface for communication to a plurality of computational nodes,

wherein the I/O interface communicates with the plurality of computational nodes via a common data

link.

Please add the following claims:

32. (new)   The hub of claim 1, wherein the I/O interface uses a digital communication
protocol to communicate with the plurality of computational nodes via the common data link.

33. (new)   The hub of claim 32, wherein the digital communication protocol is the

Controller Area Network (CAN) protocol.

34. (new)   The hub of claim 32, wherein the digital communication protocol is a local

area network protocol.

35. (new)   The hub of claim 32, wherein the digital communication protocol is an

Ethernet protocol.

36. (new)   The hub of claim 1, wherein the common data link is a bus.

37. (new)   The hub of claim 1, wherein the common data link is a wireless data link.

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